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In re Application of
Bhagwat et al.
Application No. 09/240,374
Filed: January 29, 1999
Attorney Docket No. YO999-014

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 22, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the merits. The Office apologizes for any inconvenience.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." No additional petition fee is necessary.

This application became abandoned on November 24, 2005, for failure to pay the issue fee and submit timely corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability, respectively, mailed on August 23, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 12, 2006.

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must include payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance. In an

application, abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The present petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

On August 23, 2005, the Office mailed a Notice of Allowability, requiring corrected drawings, including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948). Upon reviewing the record, it appears that petitioner did not file any corrected drawings with the present petition as required by the Notice of Allowability. Pursuant to the provision of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(1) and in accordance with 35 USC §§ 133 and 151, the submission of corrected drawings is a necessary component of the required reply. Accordingly, **this application cannot be revived until petitioner submits corrected drawings.**

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